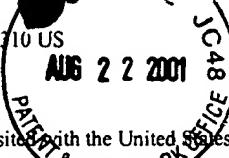


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2001, Applicants request entry of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 42 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the following claim without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 31 as follows:

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31. (Once amended) A pharmaceutical preparation for treating blood coagulation disorders, said preparation comprising an effective amount of vWF propeptide and having been treated for at least one of virus inactivation and virus removal.